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In re: application of: Lydia Drews-Nicolai et. al.

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For: Method for the surface treatment of a titanium dioxide pigment

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S COMMENTS****INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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In response to the Office Action dated 5/22/06, please amend the above-identified application as follows: